

THE THEATER TALKER.

An Intolerable Nuisance Quickly and Quietly Suppressed by a Little Wit.

They had been reading a Rolfe annotated edition of the play, and there was nothing in "Julius Caesar" that they were not perfectly familiar with. Before the performance was half through there was nothing that they knew which everybody within half a dozen rows did not hear about; for among the three of them—a man and two women—there were such capacities for superfluous conversation as are met with nowhere except in a theater, says the New York Mail and Express.

In tones that alternately hissed and brayed and rasped till spinal columns all around them ached they told one another that Antony was much better done than Brutus, that Portia would come on in a minute in the garden scene, that Casca was supposed to be a gruff old Roman; that Caesar actually did have fits—think of it! that it was a pity (this in a whisper that shivered far down the aisle and splintered at least a score of vertebrae) Roman ladies didn't wear corsets. So on, ad nauseam.

At last the ghost and the distraught Brutus met and there was a thrilled silence in all the crowded house save in row Q, where a strident voice complained: "I can't hear a word the ghost says. Why doesn't he speak louder?"

A man behind the mercurious disturber, quite beside himself with rage, leaned forward and said in tones as courteously sweet as the sting of a honey bee: "Perhaps the ghost is a gentleman, and does not like to annoy people."

Which, of course, was very rude, though it did fill many hearts with an unholy joy.

SHE WAS AHEAD.

When It Came to Ornamental Letters on Packages Her Father Had Them Beaten.

An uptown reader tells of the "break" made by a little lot of the family who was one of a party of little girls at a recent strawberry festival in the vicinity of her home. She had been valiantly boasting of the manifold advantages of belonging to her family, and had managed to hold her own against the vainglorious and ingenious discourses of her companions, relates the Philadelphia Times. They had gone from clothes to personal appearances, then to interior furnishings, then to the number of tons of coal consumed in the home of each during the last winter, and finally brought up at parental dignity. The minister little girl boasted:

"Every package that comes for my papa is marked 'D. D.'"

"An' every package that comes for my papa is marked 'M. D.'!" retorted the daughter of a physician of the neighborhood.

Then came a fine snort of contempt from the heroine of this anecdote. "Huh!" she exclaimed. "Every package that comes to our house is marked 'C. O. D.' There now!"

The rolling stone gathers no moss, but it acquires a certain polish.—Judge.

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For Manual Training Schools.

Senator E. F. Porter, of Crawford county, believes in manual training. He thinks that the state should aid in the establishment of schools for industrial education. He proposes to introduce a bill in the legislature authorizing cities to levy taxes for the establishment of manual training schools and that where a city levies taxes up to a certain amount for the purpose that the state shall contribute a certain proportionate amount.

Rockefeller's Splendid Gift.

Frank Rockefeller, a brother of John D. Rockefeller, of the Standard Oil company, who is the owner of an immense cattle ranch in Kiowa county, has made a present to the state agricultural college which will make a valuable addition to the Hereford herd at that institution. He gave to F. D. Coburn, vice president of the board of regents of the school, a bull calf, whose sire was purchased by him as a cost of \$5,050.

Kelly's Bond Filed.

Thomas T. Kelly, state treasurer, filed a bond of \$1,645,000. He got \$512,000 from Miami and Johnson counties. C. J. Devlin, the big coal man, signed for \$200,000. N. Blackman, of Topeka, signed for \$50,000. The following signed for \$25,000 each: Frank Ogg, W. E. Kelly and J. L. Pettyjohn, of Olathe; J. R. Mulvane and John Mulvane, of Topeka, and C. J. Lantry, of Strong City.

De Boissiere Case Again.

The supreme court Saturday decided the De Boissiere case against the Kansas grand lodge I. O. O. F., and in favor of Troutman & Stone, of Topeka. In 1893 M. De Boissiere, a Frenchman of Franklin county, willed his estate of 3,000 acres to the odd fellows for an orphan's home. The sole relative, a sister, sold this firm her interest and they contested with above results.

Kept the Secret a Year.

The announcement of the marriage of Edna Fraser and John McQuilkin has just been made known in Brown county, the couple having succeeded in keeping it from becoming known for nearly a year, living apart all the while, and meeting each other only at local gatherings and at the Fraser home. The parents and friends did not suspect the relationship.

Reward for Runaway Couple.

Fifty dollars reward is offered for the arrest of Rev. Ray Fairchild and Mrs. May Johnson, who recently eloped from Barrett. Fairchild is 27 years old, a Free Methodist preacher, and left a wife and four small children. The woman is 27 years old and left a husband and two children.

Worthy a Banquet.

Farmer Spaulding, near McLouth, has completed husking 100 acres of corn with the result of securing an average of 70 bushels to the acre. After Mr. Spaulding had seen the last of his corn in the crib, he gave an oyster supper to the men who had husked it.

Wichita Fighting for Stanley.

The friends of Gov. Stanley for United States senator are active and seemingly confident. The people of Wichita are taking an active interest in the governor's candidacy and a delegation from that city headed by Mayor McLean is at Topeka working for him.

Agricultural College Crowded.

The board of regents of the agricultural college at Manhattan is perplexed to handle the large body of students. The class rooms and halls are filled to overflowing. The attendance this term will be over 1,000. The state has outgrown the agricultural college.

"Teach Girls to Cook."

T. B. Gerow, state employment agent, has a solution of "the servant girl problem." He recommends the establishment of a domestic economy department in the graded schools, where girls may be taught cooking and general housework.

W. W. Rose the Winner.

The Kansas World's Fair commission accepted the plans presented by William W. Rose, of Kansas City, for the Kansas building at the world's fair at St. Louis in 1904, and Mr. Rose will be the supervising architect.

To Bar Dress Suits.

William Allen White, president of the Kansas Day club, says no man will be admitted to the banquet hall who wears a dress suit.

One Day's Shipment.

A Winfield firm one day last week shipped out seven carloads of butter, eggs and poultry, the value of which was \$30,000.

Good Four-Years' Record.

The retiring probate judge of Lyon county in four years issued 992 marriage licenses and married 290 couples.

Telephone and Telegraph Lines.

Kansas has 38 telephone companies, with a pole mileage of 5,796. They are assessed \$397,325 for taxation purposes. The pole mileage of the three telegraph companies operating in the state amounts to 9,294 miles, and the assessed value is \$851,825.

Corn on Timothy Sod.

W. D. Schenck planted corn last spring in Nemaha county on timothy sod; he had the boys measure off five acres and weigh the yield. The five acres yielded 503 bushels of corn.

A Fight on Coburn.

A small fight is being made upon the reappointment of F. D. Coburn, secretary of the state board of agriculture, as a member of the board of regents of the state agricultural college at Manhattan. The basis of the opposition to Coburn is the fight he has made on E. R. Nichols, president of the college. Coburn has attempted several times to have Nichols ousted, claiming that not only was Nichols unfit for the position of president, but that he was subordinating the teaching of scientific agriculture, the avowed purpose of the institution, to other courses.

Never Foreclosed a Mortgage.

The Kansas City Journal says ex-Gov. Morrill, of Hiawatha, is the only money lender in the state who after 30 years of this business could boast that he never foreclosed a mortgage. In the grasshopper year of 1874 he gave 50 barrels of flour a week to the western Kansas sufferers, and he was the only large contributor to that charity who kept his name concealed from the public.

King is the "Baby."

Many members of the legislature are under 30. John L. King, of Ottawa, is the youngest. He is only 23. George P. Hayden, of Nemaha, is 25; "Bob" Campbell, of Meade, 27; J. B. Adams, of Butler, 28; S. D. Pollock, of Arkansas City, 29; Sherman Williams, of Grant, 27; George E. Tucker, of Greenwood, 28.

Appetite for Red Liquor.

It is noted by the Eagle that the city officers of Wichita have taken \$152,000 in license fees from the saloons in four years. "This," says the Eagle, "is proof of a good administration." But isn't it better proof of the enormous appetite of Wichita for red liquor?—Kansas City Journal.

Another Prison Coal Shaft.

Warden E. B. Jewett, of the state penitentiary, is having considerable trouble in keeping the various state institutions supplied with coal. Arrangements probably will be made during the present year for the opening of another shaft in the penitentiary coal mine.

Want to Control the Joints.

By an action of the board of county commissioners the town of Atlanta, Cowley county, was made an incorporated city. About 290 citizens petitioned the board to make them a city, for the purpose of getting a city government to control the joints.

Rasmussen is Swift.

Low Rasmussen shucked 4,500 bushels of corn for a farmer near Lindsay this season, an average of 115 bushels a day. He took care of his own team, did his own hauling and shoveled all the corn into cribs without assistance.

Four Times All the Rest.

Kansas City, Kan., spent almost four times as much money for special improvements during the year 1902 as all the rest of the first-class cities in Kansas combined. It paid out \$679,500 for grading, curbing and paving of streets and building of sewers.

Home for Drunkards' Wives.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has purchased a handsome residence in Kansas City, Kan., for \$7,500, which will be converted into a home for drunkards' wives. She secured the money in the east while on a lecturing tour.

A Record for Marriages.

K. P. Snyder, probate judge of Wyandotte county, has a record of issuing 4,379 marriage licenses during his four-year term, and performing 1,847 of the marriage himself.

Goodland Visited by \$25,000 Fire.

Fire destroyed a frame business block at Goodland, consisting of 18 buildings. Loss, \$25,000. A strong wind threatened two business blocks on the south.

Only 2 1-2 Cents Apiece.

Sons of Peter Light hauled 35 bushels of rabbits to Colby recently, receiving 2 1/2 cents apiece for them. It took the boys two days to bag the game.

To Go After Gas and Oil.

Senator Fitzpatrick, of Sedan, is at the head of a syndicate that has leased 10,000 acres of Chautauqua county land and will bore for oil and gas.

Start a Bank.

A bank at Wellington has increased its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$75,000, which represents the earnings to five years.

Emporia in Earnest.

Business men of Emporia are subscribing money to bore for oil and gas. An effort will be made to vote bonds.

Sold \$60,000 Worth of Mules.

In Osborne county John Wolfert sold 50 head of mules to a Kansas City buyer for \$6,000.

A Kansas Goes to Mexico.

Richard Williamson, who has been general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the University of Kansas for the past two years, has resigned his position and will leave shortly for Mexico City to accept a similar position.

Dance Cost Them \$555.

Henry Lundgren, of Emporia, gave a dance at his house the other night, and foolishly displayed a roll of bills. Later he was robbed of \$550, and a relative who slept in the house is \$15 short.

HEALTHY WOMEN

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The first stage of catarrh is what is commonly known as "catching cold." It may be in the head, nose, throat or lungs. Its beginning is sometimes so severe as to cause a chill and considerable fever, or it may be so slight as to not hinder a person from his usual business. In perhaps a majority of cases little or no attention is paid to the first stage of catarrh, and hence it is that nearly one-half of the people have chronic catarrh in some form. To neglect a cold is to invite chronic catarrh. As soon as any one discovers

the first symptoms of catching cold he should at once begin the use of Pe-ru-na according to directions on the bottle, and the cold is sure to pass away without leaving any bad effects.

Unless this is done the cold is almost sure to end in the second stage of catarrh, which is making so many lives miserable. If Pe-ru-na was taken every time one has a cold or cough, chronic catarrh would be practically an unknown disease.

Miss Elizabeth Uber, No. 57 Bassett street, Albany, N. Y., writes: "I have always dreaded unsettled weather because of my extreme liability to catch cold, when a catarrhal trouble would quickly develop through my entire system, which it would take weeks to drive away. I am thankful to say that since I have taken PERUNA I do not have any reason to dread this anymore. If I have been at all exposed to the damp, wet or cold weather, I take a dose or two of PERUNA, and it throws out any hint of sickness from my system."—Miss Elizabeth Uber.

Mrs. M. J. Brink, No. 329 Michigan avenue, St. Joseph, Mich., writes: "This past winter during the wet and cold weather I caught a sudden and severe cold, which developed a catarrhal condition through my entire system, and as affected my general health that I was completely broken down, and became nervous and hysterical and unfit to supervise my home. My physician prescribed for me, but somehow his medicine did me no good. Reading of PERUNA I decided to try it. After I had taken but three bottles I found myself in fine health."—Mrs. M. J. Brink.

Sybil A. Hadley, 25 Main street, Huntington, Ind., writes: "Last winter after getting my feet wet I began to cough, which gradually grew worse until my throat was sore and raw. Ordinary remedies did not help me and cough remedies nauseated me. Reading an advertisement of what PERUNA was, I decided to try a bottle.



MISS SARA MCGAHAN

and you can imagine how glad I felt when it began to relieve me in a very short time. In less than two weeks I was completely cured."—Sybil A. Hadley.

Miss Sarah McGahan, No. 197 2d street, Albany, N. Y., writes: "A few months ago I suffered with a severe attack of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve. My hearing became bad, my eyes became irritated and feverish. Nothing seemed right and nothing I ate tasted good. I took PERUNA and within two weeks I was perfectly well."—Sarah McGahan.

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